

Lineage and Honors History
of the
405 Air Expeditionary Wing (ACC)

Lineage. Established as 405 Fighter-Bomber Wing on 15 Oct 1952. Activated on 1 Dec 1952. Inactivated on 1 Jul 1958. Redesignated 405 Fighter Wing on 11 Mar 1959. Activated on 9 Apr 1959. Inactivated on 16 Sep 1974. Redesignated 405 Tactical Training Wing on 20 Aug 1979. Activated on 29 Aug 1979. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1991. Redesignated 405 Air Expeditionary Wing, and converted to provisional status, on 4 Dec 2001.

Assignments. Ninth Air Force, 1 Dec 1952; Tactical Air Command, 16 Apr 1953; Ninth Air Force, 1 Jul 1956; 836 Air Division, 8 Oct 1957-1 Jul 1958. Thirteenth Air Force, 9 Apr 1959; 6 Air Division, 1 Aug 1968; Thirteenth Air Force, 15 Dec 1969-16 Sep 1974. Tactical Training, Luke, 29 Aug 1979; 832 Air Division, 1 Dec 1980-1 Oct 1991. Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 4 Dec 2001.

Components. *Groups.* **305** Bombardment: attached 19 Jul 1954-8 Oct 1957. **405:** 1 Dec 1952-8 Oct 1957. **4400** Combat Crew Training: attached 1 May 1953-19 Jul 1954. *Squadrons.* **1** Test: 30 Apr 1970-16 Sep 1974 (detached). **8** Bombardment (later, 8 Special Operations; 8 Fighter): attached 9 Apr-4 Aug 1964 and 4-17 Nov 1964, assigned 18 Nov 1964-15 Jan 1968 (detached 18 Jun-15 Aug 1965, 16 Oct-16 Dec 1965, 15 Feb-18 Apr 1966, 15 Jun-15 Aug 1966, 12 Oct-12 Dec 1966, 11 Feb-12 Apr 1967, 7 Jun-2 Aug 1967, and 26 Sep-21 Nov 1957); attached 15-17 Jan 1968; assigned 1 Oct 1972-1 Mar 1974 (not operational). **13** Bombardment (later, 13 Fighter): attached 10 Apr-17 Nov 1964, assigned 18 Nov 1964-15 Jan 1968 (detached 5 Aug-3 Nov 1964, 17 Feb-21 Jun 1965, 16 Aug-16 Oct 1965, 16 Dec 1965-17 Feb 1966, 17 Apr-17 Jun 1966, 14 Aug-

13 Oct 1966, 12 Dec 1966-11 Feb 1967, 11 Apr-8 Jun 1967, 1 Aug-26 Sep 1967, and 21 Nov 1967-15 Jan 1968); assigned 24 Dec 1972-30 Sep 1973 (not operational). **20** Operations: 31 Dec 1971-16 Sep 1974. **26** Tactical Fighter: 30 Sep 1973-16 Sep 1974 (not operational). **43** Tactical Fighter: attached 17 Aug 1965-20 Oct 1965. **46** Tactical Fighter: attached 15 May-2 Aug 1965. **64** Tactical Fighter: 10 Jun 1966-15 Dec 1969 (detached 3 Feb-28 Jun 1968; not operational, 1-15 Dec 1969). **68** Tactical Fighter: 30 Sep 1973-16 Sep 1974 (not operational). **90** Tactical Fighter (later, 90 Special Operations; 90 Tactical Fighter): attached 7 Feb-c. 8 May 1965; assigned 15 Dec 1972-16 Sep 1974 (not operational, 15 Dec 1972-31 Aug 1973). **390** Tactical Fighter: attached c. 4-18 Nov 1965. **422** Bombardment: attached 1 May-c. 11 Dec 1953. **425** Tactical Fighter Training: 29 Aug 1979-1 Sep 1989. **426** Tactical Fighter Training: 1 Jan 1981-29 Nov 1990. **429** Air Refueling: attached 19 Jul 1954-1 Jul 1958. **461** Tactical Fighter Training: 29 Aug 1979-1 Oct 1991. **478** Tactical Fighter: attached 23 May-8 Jun 1962. **508**: 8 Oct 1957-1 Apr 1958 (not operational, 20 Mar-1 Apr 1958). **509** Fighter-Bomber (later, 509 Fighter-Interceptor): 8 Oct 1957-1 Jul 1958 (detached 8 Oct 1957-24 Mar 1958; not operational, c. 28 Mar-1 Jul 1958); 9 Apr 1959-24 Jul 1970 (detached Aug 1964-Nov 1965; not operational, 17-24 Jul 1970). **510** Fighter-Bomber (later, 510 Tactical Fighter): 8 Oct 1957-1 Jul 1958 (not operational, 15 Apr-1 Jul 1958); 9 Apr 1959-16 Mar 1964 (detached 16 May-8 Jun 1962); attached c. 8 May-17 Aug 1965. **511**: 8 Oct 1957-1 Jul 1958 (not operational, 15 May-1 Jul 1958). **522** Tactical Fighter: attached 15 Aug-c. 23 Nov 1965. **523** Tactical Fighter: 20 Nov 1965-31 Aug 1973 (detached 9 Apr-24 Oct 1972). **531** Tactical Fighter: attached 6 Nov 1964-7 Feb 1965. **550** Tactical Fighter Training: 29 Aug 1979-1 Oct 1991. **555** Tactical Fighter Training:

29 Aug 1979-1 Oct 1991. **612** Tactical Fighter: attached 28 Feb-c. 4 Jun 1964. **615** Tactical Fighter: attached c. 4 Jun-6 Jun 1964. **774** Tactical Airlift: 31 Dec 1971-15 Sep 1972 (not operational, 2-15 Sep 1972). *Flights*. **4424** Helicopter: attached 1 May 1953-c. 23 Aug 1954. **A**, 2 Liaison Squadron: attached 1 May 1953-18 Jun 1954.

Stations. Godman AFB, KY, 1 Dec 1952; Langley AFB, VA, 16 Apr 1953-1 Jul 1958. Clark AB, Philippines, 9 Apr 1959-16 Sep 1974. Luke AFB, AZ, 29 Aug 1979-1 Oct 1991.

Commanders. Col Robert L. Delashaw, 1 Dec 1952; Brig Gen Charles D. Jones, 18 Apr 1953; Col Donald A. Baccus, 17 Jun 1953; Col Burton K. Sams, 6 Jul 1953; Brig Gen Charles D. Jones, 13 Jul 1953; Col Donald A. Baccus, 30 Sep 1953; Brig Gen Charles D. Jones, 26 Oct 1953; Brig Gen Edwin S. Chickering, 23 Aug 1954; Col William I. Williams, 8 Oct 1957-1 Jul 1958. Col James K. Dowling, 9 Apr 1959; Col Edward W. Szaniawski, 6 Jul 1959; Col Roscoe C. Crawford Jr., c. 23 Jun 1962; Col George Laven Jr., 10 Aug 1963; Col James E. Hill, 30 Sep 1964; Col Vermont Garrison, 5 Jan 1966; Col Charles E. Yeager, 4 Aug 1966; Col Duncan C. Myers, 4 Jan 1968; Col Edward P. McNeff, 5 Feb 1968; Col Walter J. Brown, 10 Jan 1970; Col James E. Tilton, 1 Jun 1971; Col John R. Geyer, 1 Jan 1972; Col Henry C. Gordon, 6 Jun 1972; Col Lacy W. Breckenridge, 8 Jun 1974; Col George L. Schulstad, 15 Jun-16 Sep 1974. Col Charles A. Horner, 29 Aug 1979; Col Robert W. Ruark, 21 May 1980; Col Peter D. Hayes, 9 Mar 1981; Col Philip W. Handley, 23 Apr 1982; Col Daniel J. Sherlock, 15 Apr 1983; Col Thomas C. Skanchy, 24 Jun 1985; Col Robin C. Tornow, 30 Dec 1986; Col George T. Lewis Jr., 15 Jun 1988; Col John D. Lauher, 1 Jun 1990; Col William T. Hobbins, 2 Aug-1 Oct 1991.

Aircraft. F-47, 1952; F-84, 1953-1956; B-45, 1953; B-26, 1953-1956; H-19, 1953-1956; L-20, 1953-1956; C-45, 1954-1956; C/VC-47, 1954-1956; C-119, 1954-1956; B/RB-57, 1954-1957; RB-29, 1954; KB-29, 1954-1956; VC-54, 1955; VC-131, 1955; F-100, 1956-1958; KB-50, 1956-1958. F-86, 1959-1960; F-100, 1959-1964, 1964-1967; F-102, 1960-1970; F-4, 1965, 1967-1974; B-57, 1964-1968; C-130, 1972; C-118, 1972; C-9, 1972-1974. UH-1, 1979-1987; F-5, 1979-1989; F-15, 1979-1991.

Operations. Replaced 108 Fighter-Bomber wing in Dec 1952. Operated Godman AFB, KY, Dec 1952-Apr 1953, and Langley AFB, VA, May 1953-Oct 1957. At the latter base, replaced 4430 Air Base Wing and operationally controlled numerous tactical and support components until Oct 1957. Operations included gunnery and bombardment training, firepower demonstrations, weapons delivery training, and numerous tactical exercises, 1952-1958, plus air refueling, 1954-1958. Replaced 6200 Air Base Wing at Clark AB, Philippines, in Apr 1959. Provided air defense and offensive fighter capability in the Philippines, Taiwan, and other Far Eastern points, Apr 1959-Jun 1962. Operated Clark AB and its satellite facilities, Apr 1959-Mar 1965 and Dec 1971-Sep 1974. Provided air defense training for Royal Thai Air Force personnel from a base in Thailand, Nov 1961-Feb 1966. From mid-1962 until the end of the conflict in Southeast Asia, frequently deployed assigned and attached components to bases in Southeast Asia for air defense and combat operations under operational control of other organizations. When not so involved, components trained in air defense and other tactical exercises in Taiwan and the Philippines. During Jul-Aug 1972, provided extensive flood relief to Philippine areas inundated by monsoon rains. During Feb-Mar 1973, provided medical, logistical, and administrative support for former prisoners of war, on their way to the United States from

North Vietnam. Replaced by 3 Tactical Fighter Wing in Sep 1974, when the wing inactivated. From Aug 1979 to Oct 1991, provided combat crew training for aircrew personnel of U.S. military forces and for aircrews from selected allied foreign military services, including Japan and Saudi Arabia. Participated in realistic combat training exercises at other bases, including Red Flag and Green Flag at Nellis AFB, NV. Trained the first aircrews in the E-model of the F-15. Wing was the first to deploy the LANTIRN (low altitude navigation and targeting infrared night) system which allowed F-15 aircraft to attack ground targets more accurately at night. Deployment of many wing personnel and aircraft to southwest Asia between Aug 1990 and Feb 1991 reduced training flights at the home base. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1991.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Nov 1960-30 Jun 1961; 5 Aug 1964-31 Mar 1965; 29 Aug-31 Dec 1979; 1 Aug 1982-31 May 1984; 1 Oct 1989-30 Sep 1991. Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation: 21 Jul-15 Aug 1972.

Bestowed Honors. Authorized to display honors earned by the 405 Expeditionary Operations Group prior to 1 Dec 1952. *Service Streamers.* None. *Campaign Streamers.* World War II: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Air Combat EAME Theater. *Decorations:* Distinguished Unit Citation: France, 24 Sep 1944. Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army: 6 Jun-30 Sep 1944.

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through 4 Dec 2001.

Commanders, Aircraft, and Operations through 1 Oct 1991.

Supersedes published information contained in Charles E. Ravenstein, *Air Force Combat Wings: Lineage and Honors Histories, 1947-1977* (Washington: USGPO, 1984) and 9 Aug 1978 addendum.

Emblem. Approved on 10 Nov 1955.

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